

IN THE ABSTRACT:

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An image verification system has an image generation device and a first image verification device. The image generation device includes (a) an image data generation unit that generates image data, and (b) a first verification data generation unit that generates first verification data from the image data using ~~first information and not using public key cryptography~~ a common key in common key cryptography. The first image verification device includes (a) a first verification unit that verifies, using the image data, the first verification data and the ~~first information~~ common key, whether the image data is altered ~~or not~~, and (b) a second verification data generation unit that generates second verification data from the image data using ~~second information and~~ a private key in public key cryptography without editing the image data, if the first verification unit verifies that the image data is not altered.